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### THE FATHER DAMIEN FUND.

There is something singular about the English fund in aid of Father Damien, of Molokai. A short time ago the ADVERTISER announced that \$1,000 had been subscribed in England for the relief and comfort of this self-martyred disciple of Christ, at the same time suggesting a doubt as to whether it had been received. We made this suggestion because no mention of the receipt of the money or its application had been made, as is usual in all cases of public contribution to a personal or charitable object. The reason is obvious: such public mention is evidence to the subscribers that the money has been properly applied.

We now find that we did an injustice by this suggestion. The money was received before January 20, 1887, and the bulk of it was expended almost immediately after the arrival of the draft. At least that is what Father Damien himself says in his letter which appeared in the London "Times." And just here the puzzle begins. Our well-informed London correspondent makes the point squarely when he says: "Considering the large amount of money annually expended on the leper settlement of Molokai by the Hawaiian Government, some surprise was caused by the publication in the 'Times' of March 12th, of the following letter by Father Damien."

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them with warm and comfortable bed-clothes and garments. Our own opinion is that the Legislature made a very liberal provision for the lepers, more especially as the inmates of the leper colony are fast dying off and no new cases are being sent there. The public, however, want to know all about this Father Damien fund expenditure, and the necessity thereof. Let us have all the facts without reserve or diminution, and then a correct judgment may be formed regarding them.

### ENGLISH JOTTINGS.

(From an occasional correspondent.)

LONDON, March 21st.

It was with very great sorrow that all those connected with the Islands heard of the unexpected death of the lamented Princess Likelike. The record of her many virtues was long since known in England by those who had never been in Honolulu. A stupid, sensational paragraph regarding the death of Her Royal Highness, was telegraphed from New York, and appeared in the "Times" of the 4th March. It was contradicted by request the day following. On the 12th March the "Standard" published a letter from Mr. Theo. H. Davies in reference to the same subject. Speaking of the late Princess Likelike, he says: "This lady has been all her life associated with the Foreign Society of Honolulu, and a most zealous member of the English Church there. Her husband is a Scottish gentleman, and together they have received at their beautiful home all travellers of distinction who have visited Honolulu. English tourists and naval officers have constantly been recipients of their graceful hospitality, and many will read with amazement this report of one who was as little likely to be influenced by heathen superstition as almost any of your readers. For a friendly account of Princess Likelike from one who knew her well, permit me to refer to Lady Brassey's Voyage in the Sunbeam. And may I beg that, as an old friend of the deceased Princess and of her husband, who is a friend of every friend of Hawaii and of England, I may be allowed the privilege of publishing in your columns this protest against what can be nothing but the gossip of some thoughtless letter writer."

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gations, as well as a vast concourse of legal, military, naval and church dignitaries.

Lady Hayter, the "Liberal" hostess, and Lady Stanhope, the "Conservative" hostess, have both opened their salons during the month for "party" functions.

The Baroness Burdett-Coutts gave a large party on March 10th. The floral display was particularly noticeable. The house is not large, but is filled with the rarest curios and china and the most charming pictures. About 500 invitations were issued. Amongst the guests were the Duchess of Marlborough, Mrs. Stanfield, Sir Francis and Lady Alston, Hon. Kenneth Howard, the Turkish Ambassador, Mr. Sidney Hoffmann, Secretary of the Hawaiian Legation; M. de la Chausse and many others.

The same evening the Princess of Wales gave a large ball for children at Marlborough House, to celebrate the 25th anniversary of their wedding. Next year this popular Royal pair will celebrate their silver wedding, and there is no doubt that the presents and rejoicings on that occasion will equal, if they do not altogether excel, anything that is at all likely to be seen at the more public ceremonial of the Queen's jubilee. The Prince of Wales' popularity extends far beyond British dominions, whilst the Princess is looked upon as the best of princesses, the most noble and charming of women.

The English Royal Family, and more especially the Prince of Wales, is noted for its wonderful recollection of faces once seen. An evidence of this was noticeable at the last levee. Colonel George Macfarlane was presented to the Prince by the Hawaiian Charge d'Affaires. The Prince recognized him at once, and shook him cordially by the hand. It is nearly six years since Colonel Macfarlane was privately presented to the Prince of Wales at Marlborough House, at the time of the King's visit to London.

The Pope celebrates the jubilee of his entering into Holy Orders this year. The offerings which the Holy Father will receive on the occasion of his Sacrodotial Jubilee will, the "Tablet" says, be the most varied and costly kind, and from all lands. The Sultan has already forwarded by the Armenian Patriarch, Peter Antony X., his superb gift of a ring in brilliants, estimated at a value of over \$4,000. The Empress of China and the Queen Regent of Spain will also send presents of a splendid character. The Emperor William is having a piece of rich jewelry made at Berlin for a like purpose. It has already been stated that Queen Victoria's gift will take the form of a sumptuously bound copy of the "Vulgate." President Grey, notwithstanding his recent offerings, will, according to the semi-official French papers, send another splendid Sovereign's present. At quite another end of the world and of the social scale, Padre Antonio Ricciardi, one of Don Bosco's missionaries in Patagonia, writes from Darnen that the various Indian tribes of the Rio Negro are engaged in preparing several objects of native make and use as their offerings to the Sovereign Pontiff, and these curious articles are destined to figure in the forthcoming Vatican exhibition side by side with the princely gifts of Eastern and Western potentates.

The Emperor of Germany celebrates his nineteenth birthday on the 22d instant. A vast concourse of royalties, including the King and Queen of Rumania, the Prince of Wales and the Crown Prince of Austria, have already gone to Berlin to personally congratulate the venerable monarch.

The series of articles on the Great Powers in the "Fortnightly Review" still continues. This month "Russia" is treated with a very rare knowledge of the subject. Boingbrooke, says Sir Edward Creasy in his "Great Battles of the World," stated that Russia was a country, the knowledge of whose position was not essential to an English statesman, yet but a minute, as it were, in the life of a nation, has passed and Russia appears as one of the mightiest of the Great Powers of the World. The writer examines minutely the military power of Russia; the causes of the antagonism between England and Russia. He points to the probable scene of war between these two nations and its ultimate consequences.

A very good story is going the rounds of the London clubs. At a large dinner party a question of heiresses arose—and on an Irish heiress in particular. "She has no conversation at all," said one lady. "She talks of nothing but her dress," remarked another. "Yes," added an elderly gentleman, "I wonder what she would be like without her dress?"

### Tonight's Lecture.

Mrs. Florence Williams will deliver her lecture entitled, "The Man, William Shakespeare," at the rooms of the Library and Reading Room Association this evening at 8 o'clock. A Nevada paper, in noticing a lecture by this talented lady, says: "In introducing her, Mr. Young, in terms eulogistic, referred to her father, the novelist and historian of England. Mentioned him as a most prolific writer, the author of 189 volumes, as an author who at one time was the most abused, still the most read of all English writers; as a great favorite with William IV., occupying under him several important official positions; referred to him as the personal friend of Sir Archibald Alison, Leigh Hunt and Washington Irving. These, history says, were the associates of her father's family. Commingling with such literary geniuses, the daughter had acquired a literary taste added to what she had inherited and acquired by dint of hard study and extensive travel in this and foreign countries. These being her opportunities, the speaker was well qualified to lead even the most literary into still more interesting fields of either ancient or modern literature. Mrs. Williams commenced her address and continued without manuscript, and spoke in an easy, off-hand conversational way that at once won the favor of the audience. Some of the prominent points of the lecture were made so conspicuous and so clear that none could ever forget them. Throughout she was listened to with marked attention, and each one present felt the better for having heard her."

The "Honolulu Almanac and Directory" for 1887 is now on sale at J. H. Soper's news depot and this office. Price, 50 cents.

### THE MICHELS CASE.

The Plaintiff Non-Suited and the Jury Discharged.

The case of Charles Michiels vs. Hartford Insurance Company, which has been on trial in the Supreme Court the past two days came to a termination yesterday, the plaintiff being non-suited. The case arose out of the fire in plaintiff's store on August 4, 1886, which damaged the stock. He claimed \$10,000 the full amount of the insurance on stock. The claim was contested by Mr. C. O. Berger, agent for the Hartford Company. The following jury was empaneled: W. W. Hall, E. Marshall, M. Green, E. R. Hendry, H. J. Agnew, George Stratemeyer, H. Lewis, C. J. McCarthy, Major Hills, A. M. Mellis, H. A. Parmelee and E. L. Marshall.

On Wednesday, after the evidence was all in for plaintiff, Mr. F. M. Hatch, of counsel for the defendant, moved that the plaintiff be non-suited on account of the showing that the insured property had been transferred without the consent of the insurance company, the policy of the Hartford Insurance Co. expressly stipulating that any transfer or assignment by the insured without consent of the company made the policy null and void. In support of his motion the attorney quoted several authorities.

Mr. Charles Creighton contested the motion on behalf of the plaintiff, arguing that the transfers meant in the policies must be actual and recorded transfers, whereas the one made by Michiels was but temporary and not in any way such as would tend to invalidate the insurance. The weight of authorities was against the motion, and counsel quoted in support from 2 Pickering, p. 249, Howard's Practice Reports, volumes 2-7, pp. 341-278; 12 Allen's Report, p. 381, and others.

Mr. W. A. Whiting also supported the position taken by Mr. Creighton. His Honor Justice McCully yesterday morning gave the following decision on the motion for a non-suit:

The question argued and submitted to the Court is, whether a non-suit should be sustained on account of an assignment of the property having been made, by a bill of sale given to Mr. Whiting and the policy (of insurance) thereby rendered void. As against the prima facie conclusion that a forfeiture has been made by a change of title, the counsel for the plaintiff adduces authorities to the effect that where an insurable interest remains in the insured he may recover although he may not have mortgaged his entire interest, or even have assigned it in trust or conditionally.

His Honor quoted several authorities, therefore, but said these cases did not cite the clauses in the policy, or any clause corresponding in terms on import with those which are expressed in the policy in the present case. An argument based upon the general principle that the company is liable so long as an insurable interest or an equitable interest remains in the insurer, would not apply to the case of a contract including express provisions for forfeiture in the event of any transfer made without the consent of the company and endorsement on the policy of an assignment of the policy following the assignment of the property.

It would appear that modern insurance policies and the one in this case had expressly guarded against the doctrine of insurable interest. The clauses in the defendant company's policy, on which are based the motion for non-suit are as follows: "If any change takes place in the title or possession of the property, whether by sale, transfer, conveyance, legal process, etc., or if the assured is not the sole, absolute and unconditional owner of this property insured, this policy shall be void."

I understand, His Honor said, that the second condition quoted expresses the state of facts which must exist when the policy is issued. Now, has any change taken place in the title by the execution of the bill of sale to W. A. Whiting? In its terms it is an absolute conveyance to him of the property covered by the insurance. Giving it the utmost favorable construction asked for by the plaintiff, that it is a conditional sale, an unrecorded chattel mortgage, if the instrument has any effect and is not a mere nullity, it must be held that the title of Mr. Michiels was changed thereby. He was no longer the unconditional owner. Mr. Whiting held a title upon which he could make a valid sale to a third party, having no notice of any equities in the case. The terms used in the clause are very comprehensive. Any change in the title, by sale or transfer. In the Michigan case cited, the words "transfer" or "change" of title are more comprehensive than the word "sale." A sale is upon a valuable consideration, but there may be a transfer or change of title without a sale.

Upon the most favorable construction to be given to this bill of sale the plaintiff has violated an express condition of his contract and thereby released the defendant. The motion of non-suit is sustained.

Mr. Creighton, for the plaintiff, noted exceptions to the ruling.

His Honor then discharged the jury from further consideration of the case.

Counsel gave notice to the Court that the two other cases of the plaintiff against insurance companies would await the proceedings on appeal.

### Solar Phenomenon.

Yesterday between ten a. m. and one p. m. there was a fine display of luminous rings around the sun. The inner rings showed rainbow colors, somewhat faint in their tints, but clearly marked. The rings gradually faded away, the last to disappear being the outer one, which was bright. A dense haze or smoke obscured the sun, and the day was intensely hot.

### Government Land Sale.

Yesterday a sale of Government lands and leases was held at the front entrance of Aliolani Hale. The amount realized from leases was \$780, and by the sale of lands \$4,620. His Majesty the King was present and took part in the bidding.

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